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1. There is growing opposition in the government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Foreign Minister, M. C. Pridithepong Devakul. Pridithepong has appointed Luang Visutr Arthayukti "Acting" Ambassador to France rather than permanent envoy. It is Pridithepong's ambition to be Siam's first ambassador to Paris.
2. Another Pridithepong action which will probably bring him into open disfavor with Phibul is his attempt to oust Vorakan Bancha, a favorite of Phibul, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Pridithepong has assumed the duties normally performed by Vorakan and the latter has ceased putting in his appearance at the Ministry.

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